

Conducting a Voter Registration Drive



As Americans, no right is more precious than the constitutional right to select our leaders. Yet millions of eligible Hoosier are not even registered to vote. You can help change that, conduct a **VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE!**



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For more information please call the
Hoosier Voter Hotline at:
1-866-IN-1-VOTE

How Do I Organize a Voter Registration Drive?

Contact the Indiana Secretary of State's Election Division by phone at 1-866-IN-1-VOTE or visit sos.in.gov to download Voter Registration Applications and obtain education and outreach materials to handout.

- Be creative with your table - decorate it with balloons and/or signs encouraging people to "Register to Vote Here." Make sure you have all the necessary supplies for the voter registration drive, such as pens, clipboards, forms and volunteers.
- Don't be shy - have some volunteers standing with clipboards and registration forms in-hand, ready to ask passers-by if they are registered to vote.
- Have fun! You are helping Hoosiers fulfill one of their most important civic responsibilities - feel good about what you are doing!
- Remember Indiana law prohibits any benefit or "reward" (such as balloons, candy, school credits, etc.) from being provided in exchange for registering to vote or voting.
- When you have completed your registration drive, store the completed voter registration forms in a safe place until you are able to return them to the County Voter Registration Office or the County Clerk's Office. The registration forms should be returned as soon as possible.

Questions You Might Be Asked

Q. Do I have to register by political party in Indiana?

A. No, Indiana does not register voters by political party.

Q. Do I have to re-register if I move?

A. Yes. Voters are required to notify their county election board if they move. If you move within 30 days of an election, you may vote in your old precinct for that election.

Q. Do I have to re-register for each election?

A. No, you only need to register once. Check to see if you are registered by visiting indianavoters.com or by calling your county clerk or county voter registration office.

Common reasons and answers for not registering or voting

My vote doesn't make a difference	Your vote could be the very one that makes a difference, especially in low turn out elections. There have been many times that one or a very few votes made the difference.
I've never gotten around to it	It only takes a couple of minutes. Here is a registration form. Do you need a ride to the polls?
I don't know how or where to register.	You can register by mail. Just fill out this form and put it in the mail. I will help you.
I don't want to be called for jury duty.	Voter registration is not the only way they pick people for jury duty. They also use driver's license lists – and no one says they don't want to drive to avoid jury duty.
I'm disgusted with politics and politicians.	If you don't vote, you can't complain. Or Then change it! You have the power to change the situation. If you don't vote, it will never change. Or Politicians make decisions every day that affect your life. Wouldn't you like to have some control over those decisions?
I can't get a ride to the polls.	We can give you a ride on election day.
I don't know enough about the issues or the candidates to make a decision.	What do you want to know? We can help get you information on the candidates' views on issues. Local newspapers often have summaries of the issues and candidate positions for election day. Call the candidates' campaign offices and ask where they stand on the issues you care about. You don't need a lot of information, just ask your questions.
I didn't know I can vote.	If you are a US citizen, over age 18 on election day, and are not now incarcerated, you can vote.
I don't pay any attention to politics; it has nothing to do with me.	The decisions politicians make affect you and your family every day – the quality of schools, the air you breathe, your health care, etc.
My husband takes care of that.	Your husband's vote is very important, but so is yours. If you both vote, you've doubled your voice.